Meeting of Transportation Advisory Committee February 25, 2015 Room 221A Town Hall Minutes

Meeting started at 7:50 pm

Present: Bengt Muten (Chair), Jim Citro, Jim Yarin, Michael Fisher (Secretary)

There were no minutes from the previous meeting for approval.

Citizen Concerns None

MinuteVan Update Nothing to update Cross-Town Connect continues to submit monthly reports

Lowell RTA Nothing to report

MassDOT Regional Coordinating Council Franny Osman is the liaison here. She was unable to attend the meeting.

Complete Streets Initiative
Acknowledged that Acton was in Top 10 in recent ranking of plans submitted

Brief discussion of recent presentation at town hall about possible solutions to the traffic and pedestrian problems at the intersection of Rt. 27 and Concord Road. The recent meeting was for citizens to propose solutions to a design firm that (I think) has been commissioned by the town. Proposals from this design firm will be presented at a (much?) later date. See Beacon article for further coverage of the meeting at town hall.

Brief discussion of options for expanded MinuteVan service. It's unclear whether expanded service will be guided by customer usage or by decisions of the Board of Selectmen. Another question is how best to use the money that will be generated by the new parking meters at the South Acton Train Station. Will there be a new parking rate when the new meters are installed? A property on the south side of the station has recently become available, so there may be additional parking offered there.

Another question is whether the town is ready to enter an agreement with LRTA to extend the route of the Lowell bus.

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion of possible new goals for TAC. What should TAC work on now?

Michael Fisher mentioned that he planned to attend the meeting on 2/26 of the Minuteman Regional Coordinating Council.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Next meeting will be in April.